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ADHESIVE FILM SYSTEM FOR
LASER CAPTURE
MICRODISSECTION

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AMENDMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed March 13, 2002, please find a request for a three month extension of time. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

35. (Once Amended) In an apparatus for laser laser capture microdissection, a contact surface comprising:
a convex surface for placement to a sample;
a rod with the convex surface mounted to an extremity of the rod;
and,

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a selectively activated coating placed over the convex surface having non adhesive properties which can be activated to provide selected regions thereof with adhesive properties when placed to a sample while non activated regions thereof remain with the non adhesive properties.

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41. (Once Amended) In an apparatus for laser capture microdissection, a contact surface and vial comprising:

a convex surface;

a selectively activated coating placed over the convex surface having non adhesive properties which can be activated to provide selected regions thereof with adhesive properties when placed to a sample while non activated regions thereof remain with the non adhesive properties;

a vial having a dimension for permitting the convex surface to be placed into vial; and,

a fluid in the vial for liberating at least part of the tissue sample adhered to the selectively activated convex surface.

REMARKS

This amendment is responsive to the Office Action mailed March 13, 2002. A request for a three-month extension of time accompanies this amendment.

In this action, applicant has amended claims 35 and 41. First, the claims as amended are summarized with emphasis being placed on independent claim 35. Second, Liotta et al. (United States Patent 5,843,644) and Adam et al. (United States Patent 6,060,288) are distinguished. It is submitted that the invention as claim is neither anticipated by or obvious over the references cited.